

21 December 1948

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending Lieutenant Alonso to bring me the cigars so very graciously offered by the Minister of State, Mr. Carlos Hevia.

It was a great pleasure to see an old classmate again, and I do hope that he will be able to arrange his time to make another visit, less hurried and more informal, to Washington.

Thank you again for your kindness in delivering the cigars to me and with very best wishes for Christmas and the holidays, in which Mrs. Hillenkoetter joins me, to Madame Belt and yourself, believe me,

Sincerely,

*Signed - dec 12/22*

R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

His Excellency  
The Ambassador of Cuba  
Cuban Embassy  
Washington, D. C.

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